

West & Midlands Iris Group - 2025 Programme

If you hope to come to any of these gatherings, please let Jill, our secretary know either by phone 01568 720129 or email info@westandmidlandsirigroup.org.uk

February: We are hoping to arrange a pub lunch – details to be announced.

Saturday 22 February: AGS Pershore Show 11 - 3.30pm Refreshments available. Pershore High School, Station Road, Pershore WR10 2BX

Tuesday 25 March 2pm: A tour of Melcourt Industries Ltd, Boldridge Brake, Long Newnton, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8RT. There is no charge for this visit, tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided. We will be meeting for an optional pub lunch beforehand.

Saturday 5 Apr 11am: AGM Batsford Arboretum, Batsford, Moreton-in-Marsh Gloucestershire GL56 9AT Coffee & biscuits available from 10.30. Further details will be in our *Newsletter*.

Thursday 8 May - Sunday 11 May: RHS Malvern Spring Festival, Three Counties Showground, Malvern WR13 6NW

Wednesday 21 May 10.30am: Museum in the Park, Stratford Park, Stratford Rd, Stroud GL5 4AF. A chance to view the Museum and to see the walled garden, which does feature irises. Tea/coffee and cake will be provided. Optional pub lunch afterwards. There is no charge for members but non-members would be most welcome to join us – cost £5.

Sunday 25 May 1 - 4pm: W&MIG Annual Show. Highnam Community Centre, Newent Rd, Highnam, Gloucester GL2 8DG. Plants for sale and refreshments available.

Saturday 28 June 10.30am: Aulden Farm, Aulden, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 0JT. Tea/coffee and cake. A three acre garden planted with wild life in mind. There is no charge for members and visitors would be very welcome to join us, the cost for them is £5.

12 noon Lunch at The Cattle Shed, Penrhos Court, Kington (self-funded) followed by a visit to Rhodds Farm, Lyonshall, Kington HR5 3LW. Entrance is £8.00. The garden extends to some two acres and there is also an extensive woodland area. The dovecot forms a distinctive feature in a more formal area, the wildlife pond is surrounded with moisture loving plants and there is also a gravel area.

Friday 1 August – Thursday 14 August Entries for the Virtual Show would be very welcome!

Tuesday 19 August 2pm: Ridgeway Barn, Evesham Rd, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5LJ

A three acre garden, started in 1995. Which includes a woodland garden, three courtyard gardens and a large pond. The garden is not normally open to the public, so this is a rare opportunity to visit. Cost:£10 to include tea/coffee and cake, all monies will be donated to the charity Perennial.

Sunday 14 September 2.30pm: The Rhydd, Worcester Road, Hanley Castle, Worcester WR8 0AB

Two walled gardens and a 60 ft greenhouse from the early 1800s set in six acres with wonderful views of the entire length of the Malvern ridge.

Cost:£12 to include tea/coffee and cake, all monies will be donated to the National Garden Scheme.

Sunday 19 October: Talk & Lunch Highnam Community Centre, Newent Rd, Highnam, Gloucester GL2 8DG.

10.30 Coffee & Biscuits 11.00 Talk: Speaker to be confirmed

This will be followed by lunch. There is no charge for members and visitors would be very welcome to join us, the cost for them is £5 for the talk or £10 for the lunch and talk.